

## SUMMARY

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<b>ENTITY</b>	King County Fire Protection District No. 50	<b>Date Filed:</b> 04/16/08
<b>ACTION</b>	Resolution for Annexation	<b>Expiration 45 Days:</b> 05/10/08
<b>TITLE</b>	Town of Skykomish Area Annexation	<b>Board Meeting:</b> 04/10/08

<b>Location</b>	The Notice of Intention proposes the annexation of the entire Town of Skykomish into King County Fire Protection District No. 50.
<b>Land Area Current</b>	215 acres (265 parcels)
<b>Land Use:</b>	Residential Uses; Commercial Uses; Public Uses; Vacant Land
<b>Population</b>	Estimated at 210 persons
<b>Assessed Valuation</b>	\$245 million
<b>County Comprehensive Plan Designation/Zoning</b>	Not Applicable
<b>City Comprehensive Plan Plan Designation/ Zoning District</b>	Residential Uses, Commercial Uses, Public Uses
<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	King County's Comprehensive Plan is utilized as a basis for Fire District Planning and Service Systems, consistent with RCW 52.04.
<b>District Franchise</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Urban Growth Area (UGA)</b>	The Town of Skykomish (a Rural City) is located entirely within the Urban Growth Area of King County as defined in the King County Comprehensive Plan
<b>SEPA Declaration</b>	A SEPA Environmental Checklist was prepared and a determination of Non-Significance was issued in February of 2008.

### ENTITIES/AGENCIES NOTIFIED:

**King County Council Member(s)** Kathy Lambert

**King County:** Clerk of Council, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Department of Development and Environmental Services (DOES), Department of Assessments, Department of Transportation (DOT), State Department of Ecology (DOE), King County "911" Program, Office of Management and Budget, Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, King County Records and Election Division, Fire Marshal Division, Historic Preservation Program, Puget Sound Regional Council, Community and Human Services, Public Health Department

**Cities:** Town of Skykomish

**Fire Districts:** King County Fire Protection District No 50

**Water Districts:** Town of Skykomish

**Sewer Districts:** Town of Skykomish

**School District:** Skykomish School District No 404

## **SUMMARY File No. 2276**

King County Fire Protection District No. 50 proposes to annex the entirety of the Town of Skykomish (215 acres). The entirety of the proposed Town of Skykomish Annexation Area is designated as a Rural City within the Urban Growth Area of King County.

Fire Protection District No. 50 initiated this annexation proposal based on a Resolution by the Town of Skykomish Council. The Fire District adopted a concomitant Resolution in order to provide properties in the Town of Skykomish with fire suppression, emergency medical services and other associated services available from the District. The authority for annexation is derived from RCW 52.04.061. A Resolution for Annexation was approved by the District in January 2008.

The proposed Town of Skykomish Annexation is reported to be consistent with the State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70.) More specifically, Fire District representatives report that the proposed annexation conforms to the State Growth Management Act (RCW 36 70A.) For example, the annexation is supported by RCW 36.70A.020 (12), which calls for public services to support permitted development. Annexation would also permit development of public services (e.g., fire protection; emergency services) to support future land uses as envisioned in the Act.

The proposed annexation is reported to also address the King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Planning Policies. For example, the Annexation is consistent with Policies CO-10, F-203, F-239, and F-240 which support regional coordination of essential public services and facilities in incorporated areas as necessary to preserve public welfare and safety. Fire protection service is also necessary in keeping with standards for effective, economic, efficient land management and for environmental protection for this Area.

Annexation by Fire District No. 50 of the Town of Skykomish Annexation reportedly will provide the opportunity for fire protection service, emergency medical services, and related public services to the Area, but this action will not have any direct effect on Town of Skykomish plans and regulations relating to land use designations, zoning, population allocations, or other public facilities/services associated with the proposed annexation to Fire Protection District No. 50.

More specifically, the Town of Skykomish has a Comprehensive Plan, (most recently updated in 2004). Pursuant to this Comprehensive Plan, Town of Skykomish properties are currently primarily developed with residential uses. There is also vacant land available for residential uses. Commercial uses and public uses also exist here as necessary to serve the populace. The Town of Skykomish will continue to govern land uses, public services and facilities, and public improvements within the corporate boundaries of this community. Environmentally sensitive areas would also continue to be preserved by the Town of Skykomish. Other public services (e.g., police service, water service, libraries, schools, recreation) would continue as currently provided to the Town of Skykomish Area.

Fire Protection District representatives report that the Town of Skykomish Annexation would be consistent with RCW 36.93.180 (Objectives of the Boundary Review Board). For example, the proposed annexation would help to preserve and enhance the community (Objective 1) through the provision of a public service that would enhance public health and safety. Annexation will enable access to coordinated services that will protect and enhance residential uses.

The proposed annexation is also consistent with Objective 2 and Objective 3, which call for logical, viable service areas. Similarly, annexation would be consistent with Objective 4 and Objective 7 calling for regular, practical boundaries. The Fire Protection District has approved plans, technology, and resources required to provide coordinated, orderly service to properties within the District. Other unincorporated properties in the vicinity are now served by Fire Protection District No. 50. Funding will be available from existing revenue and anticipated new revenue sufficient to support services to the Town of Skykomish Area.

The addition of Town of Skykomish Area properties to Fire Protection District No. 50 would provide for more regular service area boundaries thereby permitting more efficient coordinated services thus supporting public health, safety, and general welfare.